--- 1/15th Pound - "Series of 1915" – with "*Rounded Ends*" - 155 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists the 155 x 15 mm. black, 1/15th pound Series of 1915 "Rounded Ends" strips as follows:

RP-737 - 1/15th pound, Rounded ends, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***
RP-738 - 1/15th pound, Rounded ends, *imperforate*, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***

I have separated the *coarse roulette* from the *imperforate* strips, but it is probable that form a continuous batch, with the *imperforate* seeing use in the later stages by the larger companies, when the machine application of the strips was more common.

--- RP-737 - *coarse roulette* - Rounded ends, with *4½ mm. blue controls* ---

The ***pointed end*** coarse roulette 1/15th pound strip is not listed with ***blue control numbers*** as it was obsolete before their advent, and conversely, the 1/15th pound ***rounded ends*** strip, is not listed using ***violet control numbers*** - but from eBay comes the following strip:

5689101	07/26	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / TOBACCO / 7 1926**

--- RP-737 - *coarse roulette* - Rounded ends - 4½ mm. *blue control numbers* - "Customs & Excise" codes ---

--- *Undated - or roller cancelled* ---

RP-737 - 1/15th pound, *rounded ends*, coarse roulette, blue control number **1740006**
Stamped ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel

1019938	RP-737	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered in rose ink **7 - 13 - D**
1252134-35	RP-737	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, a pair
1740006 ★	RP-737	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, stamped ***Sample***

--- RP-737 - *coarse roulette* - Rounded ends - with 4½ mm. *blue control numbers* - "Customs & Excise" codes ---

--- *Dated cancellations* ---

The earliest listed *dated* example of the *coarse roulette* 1/15th pound "Series of 1915" with *rounded ends* and ***blue control numbers*** is from "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in January 1928, and the last listed dated copy was used was by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in October 1933.

RP-737 - 1/15th pound, rounded ends, *coarse roulette*, blue control number **9435720**
Coded **6-10-D / AD3** by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in October 1933

0091952	01/28	RP-737	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, coded 1 1928 / 1-23-D
9435720 ★	10/33	RP-737	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, coded **6-10-D / AD3**

--- RP-738 - *imperforate* - Rounded ends - with *4½ mm. blue controls* ---

--- <u>Undated</u> - *or roller cancelled* ---

The following undated roller cancellations form several control number runs, which intermesh with the dated copies in an undeterminable manner. Since 1904 only “Imperial Tobacco” was date cancelling their production, and of the other manufacturers only “Macdonald Tobacco” and “Tuckett Tobacco” were using the *imperforate* strips.

RP-738 - 1/15th pound, with rounded ends, *imperforate*, blue control number **9033968**
Roller cancelled **1-10-D** by “Macdonald Tobacco”, Montreal

0264162	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
0262942	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
0262962	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
0262982	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
0264162	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
0280139	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D**
0376583	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
0605504 ★	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
1364214	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
2528129	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
2528149	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
2528189	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
2528209	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
2528219	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
2528229	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
2528409	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
2663804 ★	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
4818836	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate
8237329	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
8237449	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-18-E**
8610485	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D**
9033968 ★	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D**

--- RP-738 - *imperforate* - Rounded ends - with *4½ mm. blue controls* ---

--- Dated cancellations ---

The earliest listed *dated* example of the *imperforate* 1/15th pound "Series of 1915" with *rounded ends* and ***blue control numbers*** is from "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in December 1931, and the last listed dated copy was used was by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in October 1933.

RP-738 - 1/15th pound, with rounded ends, *imperforate*, blue control number **8359568**
Coded **1-23-D / 832** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in August 1932

5707610	12/31	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / 1231**
7239540	09/29	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / 929**
8359568 ★	08/32	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / 832**
9430010	02/33	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / BA3**
9481809	03/33	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / CA3**
9654802	04/33	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / AB3**
2773694	09/33	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CC3**
3023389	09/33	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CC3**
4818836	10/33	RP-737	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AD3**
6947924	10/33	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AD3**
7912950	01/34	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AA4**
8759933	02/35	RP-738	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BFA**

As there was no 1/15th pound denomination in **Series "A"**, usage of the 1/15th pound **"Series of 1915"** extended from 1915 to 1933. The *rounded ends* ***blue control numbered*** strip being introduced about 1925. The 1/15th pound **Series "B"** imperforate, introduced in 1933, had a short span of use, as it was replaced by the 1/15th pound **Series "C"** in mid-1935.

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plate No. 1 for the one-fifteenth pound Series "B" tobacco strip. He lists the plate as having 60 impressions, which seems to indicate that it was actually from the "Series of 1915". The 60 impression plates were probably arranged as 2 by (3 x 10) strips - JBH. The plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal.

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